A Preacher With a "Green Thumb" and a Merry Heart

By Peggy Kyle

If "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," then what the world needs is more merry hearts; more men like the Reverend H. Frederick Jones whose laughter is the deep, hearty, soul-satisfying kind that is as stimulating as any tonic.

Mr. Jones, retired Baptist minister and world traveler, who resides in Greenville, North Carolina, was born and reared on a plantation in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. There as a boy he rode with his father's hounds, loved fox-hunting and laughter but at the same time was seriously inclined toward the ministry.

Of his early education he says, "It was very limited, but consisted of what the public school system had to offer in those days." From this schooling he went to take two years high school work in one at Southside Academy in Chase City, Va., and then completed its two year college course. He continued his education as a special student at Richmond College (now the University of Richmond) and the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Having begun to preach while a student at the Academy he continued to do so along with his studies until he accepted his first full-time pastorate at the Lawrenceville, Va. Baptist Church.

As young men will, he had found time to do some "courting" also and to this new position he brought a lovely, accomplished wife, the former Florence Winn, of Skipwith, Va. Excerps from her diary reveal their busy life together, and show clearly how the man, whose "calling" she put above all else, was able to succeed in his chosen work. Many an entry in the little diary (which grew to several volumes before her death in 1952) was of partings, the life of a minister called to new fields.

They moved from Lawrenceville to Richmond, Va., where he became pastor of the Fulton Baptist Church. It was during this pastorate that Mr. Jones, accompanied by Dr. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Richmond, traveled all over Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the British Isles. Here these two friends who had known the thrill of the foxhunt together knew also the deep spiritual pleasure that came from experiences shared as they toured the Holy Land.

Impressions of that journey are related today with a freshness and accuracy that hold you spellbound. He loves especially to talk about the famous ruins of Baalbek, forty miles from Damascus, which he says he had resolved to see long before going abroad. In his estimation these Roman Temples are the greatest wonder of the world. "No one knows how or by whom they were built. Their columns of brown marble could have come only from Southern Russia by water and over Baalbek Mountain," he said.

After seven years in Richmond, Mr. Jones accepted a call to the Port Norfolk Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. Here he spent ten years before going to the Memorial Baptist Church in Greenville, N. C. "A natural born preacher," a call was always awaiting him and his Virginia folks were hard to get away from so it was after a few years in Greenville he returned to them, But first he went to Baltimore, where he succeeded one of the world's great travelers, evangelists and pastors, Dr. Henry Marvin Wharton, of the Brantley Baptist Church.

His twelve years in Baltimore were among his happiest and most acclaimed. Commenting on the press notices there, he said, "They were always good to me. They had one of my good members for a proof-reader for forty years, the late Sam Reese," and added with a broad smile, "Maybe that's the reason they never ran me out of town." The smile grows into one of those hearty laughs everyone loves, and suddenly you feel its reverence also, and realize how closely a laugh resembles a prayer. For the better part of his seventy-six years, Mr. Jones has lived with a prayer in his heart and a smile on his face. No one is quicker to enjoy the daily mill of little pleasures, yet no one is more able to walk with you "in the valley of the shadow" or to bring you into a deeper understanding of the great truths his Master taught.

A lover of poetry, you can count on some beautiful poem from the pulpit with every sermon. A gardener with the proverbial "green trumb," he delights in sharing the fruits of his flower and vegetable gardening. He said, "I've always had a garden, even in the city of Baltimore, and I've crossed many a dahlia and grafted trees as my mother taugh me when a boy." To see his white, bronze, yellow and lavender mammoth chrysanthemums blooming, one thousand of them one year, you have the feeling there is more than a "green trumb" in their making.

He knows the problems churches have when a minister resigns and one of his greatest joys since retiring, if you can call it that for a man who has never stopped preaching, has been to supply their pulpits. Since closing his pastoral career at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox, Va., he has served as interim pastor at a number of churches both in Virginia and North Carolina. Among them have been churches in Goldsboro, New Bern, and High Point, N. C., and Suffolk and Basett, Va. From more than one of these Mr. Jones has been extended a call to an active pastorate but refrains from accepting at his age.

FORMER PASTOR IN APPOMATTOX

The Rev. H. Frederick Jones

H. Frederick Jones is a man of decided opinions and has no patience with folks who compromise. "Customs may change with the unfolding of the times," he said, "but principles, never. They are eternally right." And of the progressive unfolding of business, science and religion, he said, "Man can be as far behind in Religion as in any field."

At his home in Greenville, N. C., where he resides with a daughter, Helen Gray (Mrs. Vance Perkins) he loves to talk about his family and tells of visits to Elizabeth Winn, (Mrs. Burwell Temple) a daughter in Kinston, N. C., and to Baltimore where a son and daughter live, H. Frederick, Jr. and Rose May (Mrs. Morgan Gibson), and to Back Bay, Va., the home of J. Frasia Jones, another son. His eyes mist as he recalls the daughter who passed on a few years ago, Florence Marshall Foster, of Baltimore. But with a smile he brags, as grandfathers will, about his 8 grandchildren. "Dulaney Foster, Jr. graduated this year from Colgate University and is now commissioned in the Air Corps, and Burwell Temple, Jr., is with the Air Corps in Greenland." He more than beams when he tells you about the newest addition to the family, little Mae Winn Morgan, the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Ray Charles Morgan, the former Nancy Temple, of Sherman, Texas. Little Mae Winn is his first great grandchild.

While there's no more active foxhunting for Mr. Jones, he says, "I go along sometimes just to hear the dogs — I still enjoy a little grand opera."

Asked about his other activities he said, "I do some deer hunting, that's not too strenuous, and I'm enjoying fishing at the present but let me tell you when a big fish gets on your hook it's something to get excited about." With a sheepish grin he takes a deep draw on his ever present pipe and says, "I almost fell overboard last week trying to pull a big one in."

Occasionally he goes back to his own land, seventy-five acres of it in the Kerr Dam section of Virginia, but only for brief visits, because he is still a very busy man. There is always a sermon to preach and as long as he lives H. Frederick Jones will be preaching them. And whatever comes, his merry heart will continue to "do good like a medicine" because he never underrates "the duty of being happy."

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, July 24.- Mrs. Charlie Averette and children are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lucado spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Woodall, in Louisville, Ky.

A/3C William M. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard, returned to his base at Lincoln, Nebraska. He left Richmond Saturday A. M. His father accompanied him to Richmond. There he joined another soldier, and they returned by car together. There was a family gathering at Mrs. W. C. Wooldridge's in honor of him. He was entertained at dinner in honor of his brother, Samuel R. Hubbard, of Richmond, before leaving for Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Grammar, of Richmond are visiting Mrs. Elijah Williams and other relatives.

Mr. J. B. Lucado, of Oakville, visited in the home of his brother, W. P. Lucado Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Williams has returned home from Lynchburg Training Hospital in Richmond, and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staton and children have returned home to Lynchburg after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Taylor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Snead and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris, all of Richmond, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baldwin Sunday.

Quite a few from here attended the family reunion of the Williams and Fergusons Sunday, over at Holliday Lake.

Mr. Walter Hubbard, of Richmond and Miss Naomi Schmitz, of Blackstone were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson called in the same home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vaughn, of Appomattox Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Williams' mother, Mrs. Simpson, is spending some time with her.

Mr. Charlie Averetta spent a few days last week visiting friends in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Southall and son, of Bon Air visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson were in Farmville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baldwin, of Phenix called to see his mother, Mrs. Eunice Baldwin Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Williams and daughter, Jane were visiting in Evergreen Sunday.

We hear that wedding bells are expected to ring around here this week-end!

Rocks

Rocks, July 23.- We are hoping wonderful rains here lately.

Mrs. James Thackston and Jimmie, of High Point, N. C., were in for the week-end to get the latter's daughter, Sandra, who is awhile here with her grandmother, Mrs. Maude Ransom.

The various organizations, on Wednesday night, with very good attendance, Mary Edith Ransom in charge of the devotional.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ransom and Charlene and Mr. and Mrs. Ransom and Johnny spent the week end at Norfolk.

Mrs. D. R. Ingo had a few of her children to spend Sunday with her.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Darden will be coming home next week.

Cassie Baldwin was notified Monday morning of the death of her cousin, Casper Baldwin, of Norfolk, Va. Sympathy is extended to his wife.

Loyd Richardson is getting about on crutches.

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Chicago, Ill.- More Americans died on the highway in 1955 than on the battlefield during the entire Korean War!

The National Safety Council's statistical yearbook, —"Accident Facts," just off the press, says there were 38,300 traffic deaths in the United States in 1955. Defense Department records show battle deaths in the Korean War 33,629.

"We don't for a moment want to imply that the highway is as hazardous as the battlefield," said Mr. Dearborn, president of the Council. "But the fact is that the loss to the nation from the 1955 traffic toll is greater in terms of human life than the loss sustained in the Korean War. Therefore, it's certainly worth getting excited about."

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Spout Spring, July 24.- Miss June Hamilton, of Richmond, recently spent a vacation with Miss Eunice Ann Martin.

Mrs. W. J. Watlon, of Lynchburg spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson.

Miss Brenda Carson is visiting Miss Gloria Steele, of Concord, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton visited her father Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin, of Lynchburg visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Walker Walton and Mrs. W. J. Walton visited Mrs. R. H. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morton on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trent, of Lynchburg were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Cheatham recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mrs. George Carson is visiting her mother a few days this week.

Mrs. H. W. Simms is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Elliott Cheatham.

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson

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... your well-chilled greens in ... large salad bowl, then toss in ... curls, tender broccoli or ... flower flowerets, ripe tomato ... or crisp bits of celery. Radishes are colorful, either thin-... than on the radishes or cut roses or ... flowers for a garnish. Finely grated ... is excellent, but some find the ... green onions, tops and all, ... better. For extra flavor add ... green peppers, sprigs of parsley, ... shredded cabbage or ... of cucumber. Some like to ... a few orange or pineapple ... or perhaps some slices of ... juicy-rich avocado, in among the ... — special cheeses, crisp ... broiled bacon, sardines, olives and ... are often favorites to be add... ...

... let your imagination go to ... and when the masterpiece is ... tossed, toss lightly with your ... dressing and serve immedi... ...

... you are one of the many that ... a fresh fruit salad is your favor... then the fall-flavored melons ... for you. These delectable melons ... low in calories and chock-... of good nutrition, combine with ... fruits, meat, chicken, fish and ... products to provide true eat-... pleasure and satisfaction.

A melon half, filled with cottage cheese or a variety of fresh fruits, makes a most captivating salad — appetite provoking, and nutritious, yet easy on the waist line. For those calorie counters just serve with a plump wedge of lemon or lime, but for the "slender Janes" top the fragrant fresh fruits with a scoop of sherbet or ice cream for something doubly delicious. To vary your fresh fruit salad a bit, garnish with cream cheese balls that have been rolled in chopped nutmeats, or, for a pleasant new flavor, mix melon balls with fresh mint before combining with the rest of the fruits. If you plan to serve your melon fruit salad as a first course, add a dash of sparkling gingerale to each melon half just before serving.

Fish and chicken salads served with melon are delightful luncheon menu suggestions for warm weather — try with a cantaloupe or a honeydew melon for a cool, delectable taste treat. To perk up your molded fruit salads add a little preserved ginger to your melon balls.

For a special party, try this elegant salad: Peel melon, cut off slice at one end and remove seeds and juice from cavity. Fill cavity with slightly thickened gelatin mixture, into which you've folded a variety of fresh fruits and nutmeats. Replace melon slice and frost entire melon with cream cheese. Chill. When ready to serve, slice melon crosswise into 1-inch slices.

Whatever your summer menu plans may be, don't overlook those tantalizing garden-fresh salads. Include lots of those vegetables and melons in each salad for true refreshment and good health.

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A little lemon juice accents flavor, and adds a delightfully new taste, say nutritionists at VPI.

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Sprinkle lamb or fish with lemon juice a few minutes before cooking. It cuts down odors, adds to the flavor and tenderizes the meat. Rub chicken or turkey inside and out with a cut lemon for white, juicy and tender meat.

For added zest, try a squeeze of lemon juice over fried or broiled liver, steaks or chops, the old-fashioned fried egg, or veal cutlets. Even hamburger gets a face-lift when lemon juice enters the picture. Or try baking pork chops with a slice of lemon on top. For the extra special touch to make fish or meat dish tops—baste with mixture of lemon juice and melted butter.

Add grated lemon peel to your favorite fish or meat sauce. Let a generous squeeze of lemon form the base of a flavorful salad dressing, taking the place of oil and with many less calories.

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Clover Hill, July 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and son, Mike; Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Coleman, and daughter, Nelwyn, and Mr. and Mrs. James Conner motored to the Luray Caverns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence and Mrs. Otis Smith spent Saturday with Mrs. Sadie Crute, of Five Forks.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson on Saturday and Sunday were Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and daughter, Becky; Mrs. Billy Lawrence and children, Holly and Vicki, and Lt. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, all of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Otis Smith, of Richmond, spent Thursday and Friday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gowin were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ayres, of Farmville.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gowin were Mr. and Mrs. Major Gowin and daughters, Mary, Martha and Sarah, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trent and son, Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis and son, J. W.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gowin spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. J. V. Torrence and son, Jimmy returned Saturday from a week's visit to her mother, Mrs. Harold Getz, of Scranton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Jr. and two children, Patti and Tommy, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Torrence and son, Al, have returned to their home at Tazewell after visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Torrence.

Entertaining at a picnic supper at Holliday Lake on Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson and daughter, Pat, had as their guests Miss Louise Taliaferro, of Richmond and Mrs. Ward Wallace and daughter, Carolyn, of Amherst. Also visiting the Fergusons during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson and son, Kenneth, of Pulaski, and Joel Trent, of Norfolk.

Mr. Donnie Ianuzzi, en route from Williamsburg to his home in Lexington, stopped for dinner on Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holt. Thursday evening guests in the Holt home were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holt, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shuford. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Holt's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanenkrat are spending some time with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hanenkrat, at the latter's cabin near Gloucester.

Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kidd were Mr. T. H. Norris, Eugene and Katherine Norris, The Norrises were on their way from Deleware, where they visited relatives, to their home at Glade Springs.

Mrs. J. A. Conner, of Halifax, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Gills. Miss Mary Edith O'Brien, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor in the Gills home on Tuesday.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, July 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher visited in the home of Willie Beale on Monday evening of last week. Others guests in this home on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale and Misses Yvonne and Etta Beale.

Friends are sorry that Mrs. Alice Grove is critically ill. We hope she will soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Beale and Mrs. Lula Beale spent Saturday night of last week in Norfolk with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Megginson, and spent Sunday in Newport News with Mr. and Mrs. Vinston Thornhill. They were glad to find Mrs. Thornhill better, after a recent illness. Her mother, Mrs. Ida Beale, is spending some time with her.

Mrs. Bennie Beale and Misses Yvonne and Etta Beale, Mrs. Lula Beale and Mrs. Walker Beale spent Saturday in Lynchburg. They called to see Mrs. Polly Beale Taylor and her baby son.

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Richwood

Richwood, July 24.- "Happiness consists in activity. It is running steam, not a stagnant pool."

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evankavitch, of Bloomfield, N. J., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Powell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Powell, of Roanoke spent a few days last week with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and Mr. H. W. Marsh visited in the home of D. A. Pugh over the week-end.

Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garrett Sunday.

Horace Martin, U. S. N. is spending some time with his family here.

G. P. Brannan and daughters were in Lynchburg on buisness Friday.

M. G. Powell left Monday night for a few days in N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and A. B. Hunter, Jr. were in Lynchburg one day last week.

TV's Wyatt Earp, who's in real life Hugh O'Brien, recently bought a comedy for a picture, titled "High and Low." He plans to try to persuade Zsa Zsa Gabor to make it with him.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, July 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Miss Laura Thornhill and Henry Stanley, Jr., attended the Morris reunion Sunday at Miller Park in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Florene Phelps and Miss Becky Reynolds are spending this week with relatives in Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Lewis Harris, Miss Callie Harris, and Jack Harris visited Mrs. Leonard Thornhill Sunday. She is a patient in a Richmond hospital.

Mrs. Lewis Mann spent the week-end at her home in Buckingham.

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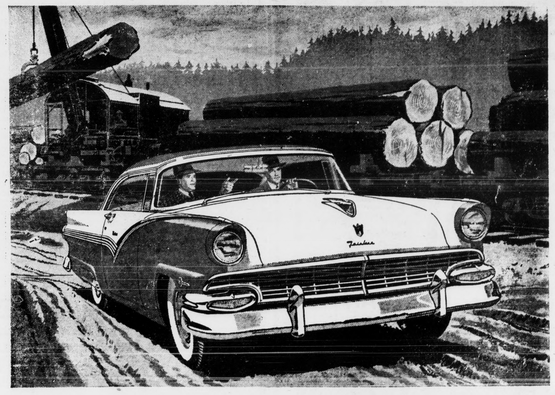

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